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Examiner:	Lyle Alexander	
Group Art Unit:	1743	
Title:	<b>SAMPLE TUBES WITH FLUID-TIGHT LABELS</b> (Formerly: <b>IMPROVED TUBES</b> )	
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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON**  
**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In reviewing the Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance submitted with the issue fee payment on January 18, 2005, Applicant's undersigned counsel has noted a typographical error in the third paragraph. Specifically, the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) paragraph should be replaced by the following paragraph amended to add the word "not" as indicated below:

The Examiner refers to the "remarks of record" in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. With specific regard to the Interview Summary mailed July 8, 2004, Applicant's

undersigned counsel would like to emphasize for the record that, despite statements made by the Applicant that "the prior art fails to teach permanent attachment of an end cap that contains the optically readable code," the allowed claims are not limited to permanent attachment of an end cap. In contrast, allowed independent claim 2 only recites that the end cap is "mounted to" the bottom of the tube. Allowed independent claim 37 does not recite an end cap and allowed independent claim 44 recites an end cap that has "a substantially fluid-tight seal" with a bottom portion of a tube portion. Therefore, independent claims 2, 37, and 44 are not limited to permanent attachment of an end cap. In fact, the Examiner's reasons for allowance state that the Examiner considered the end cap to be "removable."

If the Examiner disagrees with any of these comments, he is respectfully requested to provide further explanation on the record.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,  
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